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Bruning Will Ask Nebraska Supreme Court to Reconsider Electrocution Decision

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced that he will file a motion to reconsider this morning's Nebraska Supreme Court ruling. In the ruling, the court says electrocution is cruel and unusual punishment under Nebraska's constitution.

"I'm surprised and disappointed with the ruling and think the court is mistaken," said Bruning. "I think the decision is incorrect as a matter of law, and we intend to ask the court to reconsider it."

The court's ruling strikes down the state's only method of execution. The decision was made in the case of child killer Raymond Mata of Scottsbluff.

"Nebraskans overwhelmingly support the death penalty and justice demands our state has a constitutional method of execution," Bruning said.

Bruning also said he agrees with Chief Justice Michael Heavican's dissenting opinion on the issue.

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